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TO: Judiciary Committee

Friday, January 19, 2007

My name is Stewart Mitchell. My wife, Karen and I, along with our 11 month old son live at 705 South Tracy Avenue in Bozeman across from Longfellow Elementary School. I am writing this letter in support of bill 239 introduced by Mike Phillips.

Everyday I witness cars speeding through the school zone. In an attempt to make our street safer, I constructed large orange cones with speed limit signs that are placed each morning in the two cross walks in front of the school. These cones have been mildly effective. They have even been run over on occasion and used as a slalom course by some.

There is a total lack of regard for the safety of the school children. People regularly speed and fail to yield at the cross walks. Often they are going too fast and are too busy on the phone to notice the little people.

Increasing and posting the penalty for failure to obey laws designed to keep our kids safe is essential to their well being.

Thank you for your consideration

Stewart Mitchell